Closing Letter For SUNO Called Fake

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A letter announcing Southern University in New Orleans will be closed until January is a forgery, according to SUNO official William Furr.

The letter is written on official stationery and bears the signature of SUNO Dean of Academic Affairs Asa Sims, but the signature is forged, Furr said. He is an administrative aide to Sims.

Furr said he first learned of the letter's existence yesterday. He said it reads, "Due to the continuous and full participation of students in the boycott, we have decided to close the school until after the first of January."

The bogus letter, Furr declared, "is not true, is not from the administration, and classes will go on as usual." When it is learned who is responsible for the letter, "we're going to get someone in trouble, I tell you," he added.

Sims has sent another letter to all students, telling them they will be protected if they break the boycott and return to class, and that they must either return to classes or withdraw from the university.

Meanwhile, reports continue to conflict on how many students have returned to classes. Fewer than 100 SUNO students were reported to have attended class Tuesday. Yesterday, one report said 375 were in class.

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